

**--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention relates to a piston for an internal combustion engine comprising an annular cooling channel embodied in the edge area of the piston head and closed on a rod side with a cover consisting of two semicircular half-shells which are oriented with the internal sides thereof towards the piston and provided with a circular groove for arranging the half-shells on a projection embodied on the external side of the piston. The half-shells are provided on the abutting surfaces thereof with rest connections for easily connecting the half-shells to each other.--